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### The Army Bill.

Below we give the Army Bill, in the form in which it finally passed the House:  
**A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE MILITARY FORCE.**  
**SEC. 1.** Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same,

That in case of the secession of the State of South Carolina, or of any other Slaveholding State, from the United States, and an attempted obstruction thereby by the Federal Government to its laws, the Governor is hereby authorized and required to resist the same; and in order to render such resistance effectual, he is hereby authorized and empowered to order into service the whole military force of this State, or so much thereof as he may, from time to time, deem necessary:—

SEC. 2 That immediately after the passage of this Act, the Governor shall be authorized and required to call for one Volunteer Company of Infantry from each Infantry Regiment of the State, to consist of one Captain, two Lieutenants and one Ensign, five Sergeants, six Corporals, and not less than sixty, nor more than eighty-five Privates; and such Company shall have preference in the order of acceptance by the Governor over other Companies, subsequently raised from such Regiments, or from the State at large. And the Governor may, as he may deem requisite, call for one or more additional Companies at either Infantry or Cavalry, from said Regiment. Every existing Infantry Company, Troop of Cavalry, Battalion or Regiment composed of Volunteers, now organized under the present military system of the State, which shall offer his services as a whole, may be so received and furnished to gain his officers:—Provided, That under their service such a suitable number of Officers, non-commissioned Officers and Privates, whose pay and emoluments of Infantry shall exceed those of Cavalry, may be received and furnished to the same extent as after the issue of the call of the Governor for the purpose aforesaid, to recruit him the organization of such Volunteer Companies, with their complement of Officers, non-commissioned Officers and Privates, ready for service, then the Governor is hereby authorized and required to fill such vacancies by receiving volunteers from the heavier Battalion or Cavalry, which shall consist of two Brigades of Infantry, and one Brigade of Cavalry; and the Cavalry shall be attached to such Infantry Regiments or Brigades as the officer in command of the troops called into active service may from time to time designate:

SEC. 3 That whenever five Infantry Companies in any Infantry Brigade, as now organized by law, are organized, the Governor shall order an election for Major to command them; when ten Companies are organized, the Governor shall order an election for one other Major and a Colonel to command the Regiment. When these Regiments are organized, the Governor shall appoint, as herein before provided, a Brigadier General to command the additional Brigades, and shall also appoint, as heretofore provided, a Major General to command the Brigades of Cavalry, and when six Regiments shall be organized, the Governor shall form them into two Brigades, and appoint, as herein before provided, one other Brigadier General to that purpose. Congress may extend and make them more or less than that.

SEC. 4. That the Governor is also hereby authorized to accept the services of one Regiment of Artillery from the city of Charleston, one Company of Artillery from the city of Columbia, one Company of Artillery from the District of Georgetown, and one Company of Artillery from the town of Beaufort, and to arm and equip the same for active service; and each Company of Artillery shall consist of one Captain, four Lieutenants, two Staff Sergeants, six Sergeants, twelve Corporals, six Artificers, two Buglers, and not less than fifty-eight, nor more than one hundred and twenty-two Privates.

SEC. 5. That each Company of Volunteers under this Act, when formed, and before tendering their services, may elect or appoint their own Company Officers, but no election shall be allowed to take place in any Company while in active service, except in cases of vacancy in the office of Ensign or Cornet or fourth Lieutenant of Artillery, which shall be filled by an election:—Provided, Such election shall be ordered forthwith, by the superior Officer in command of the Company, Battalion or Regiment in which such vacancy shall occur, and the election shall be held within twenty-four hours after such order has been issued, and in all other cases of vacancy the same shall be filled by the promotion of those next in grade thereto, in their respective Companies.

SEC. 6. That the Governor is hereby authorized and empowered to call into active service all, or any of the Military forces embraced under this Act, whenever and at whatsoever places he may deem the safety of the State requires:—Provided, That such Military forces shall not be compelled to remain in active service for a longer period than twelve months. And the Governor is hereby authorized to call, as herein before provided, previous to the expiration of the term of service of the troops in the field, for further Volunteer Forces and Drafts, to supply their places, should the same be deemed necessary for the safety of the State.

SEC. 7. That the Governor is hereby authorized and directed to organize forthwith the new Companies herein provided for, and the existing Volunteer organizations of the State who tender their ser-

vices, into appropriate Battalions, Squadrions, Regiments, Brigades, and a Division: That the said Military Division shall be appointed by one Major General, to be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and to be commissioned by the Governor, and in case the Senate shall not be in session, the nominee of the Governor shall be commissioned by him, and held the office until the close of the next session of the Legislature after such appointment; and that said Major General shall have power to appoint the following Staff Officers, that is to say: One Deputy Adjutant General, with the rank of Colonel; one Division Inspector General; one Division Quartermaster General; one Division Commissary General; one Division Paymaster General, and one Division Surgeon General, each with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel; and three Aids-de-Camp, with the rank of Major. Said Staff officers to be commissioned by the Governor. That each Brigade shall be commanded by one Brigadier General, to be appointed by the Governor, and with the advice of the Senate, and to be commissioned by him, and held the office until the close of the next session of the Legislature after such appointment; and that said Brigadier General shall have power to appoint the following Staff Officers, that is to say: One Brigade Major, one Brigade Inspector, one Brigade Commissary, one Brigade Quartermaster, one Brigade Surgeon, each with the rank of Major, and two Aids-de-Camp, with the rank of Captain. Said Staff Officers to be commissioned by the Governor. That each Regiment shall be commanded by one Colonel, one Lieutenant Colonel, and one Major, to be elected by the officers and privates of said Regiment, within ten (10) days after the companies composing said Regiment shall have been organized; the election for the said offices to be ordered by the Governor; the commissions thereto to be signed and issued by him; and that the Colonel of the said Regiment shall have power to appoint the colonel commanding each company, as soon as they shall be organized, whether it be in the name of the State, or in the name of the Governor, or in the name of the State Government, or to provide a third section of the Constitution, or to make a violation of the Constitution, or to enforce an acknowledgment that the Government of the United States is supreme. The States are colonies of one another, and if some of them shall conquer the rest, and hold them in subjection, it would destroy the whole theory upon which they are now constructed.

The right of the Colonies to secede, to preserve itself in its whole constitutionality, by repelling auster and pernicious attacks from other Slaveholding States, as may tend to derange their services, and for such terms of service as may be then appear advisable.

SEC. 17. That all Acts and parts of Acts appertaining to this Act be, and the same are hereby, suspended so long as this Act shall remain in force.

### Attorney General on Secession.

The President having sought the opinion of his legal adviser, the Attorney General, that cheer has responded. Our hints prevent the publication of the letter. We extract the concluding portion, relative to acting without office, and the supposed right of secession.

### Letter from Judge Longstreet.

Judge Longstreet, in the following letter to the editor of the Richmond *Times-Advertiser*, tries to enlighten the people of that state as to the true position of South Carolina at this juncture of public affairs.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 6, 1860.

GENTLEMEN: Allow me a small space in your paper to disabuse the minds of Virginians of a very false impression which they have of the secession movement in this State. Almost all your distinguished correspondents speak of it as a thing rotten by corruption, and as being entirely unconnected with their cause. Never was there a greater falsehood. It is the result of one individual's conduct of individual action on the part of the people. *Individual election*—one spontaneous and almost unanimous resolution, from the mountains to the seaboard, that they never should come under Black Republican rule. Sirs, you never saw anything like it in the world never saw anything like it.

If this view of the subject is correct, I

will add, that the Colonies must

be considered as independent, and not as

colonies, and may be reached by the same influences and right which prevail in Europe. Of course the first step would be to appoint officers in their localities if others could not be found. But in such an event, it is more than possible that great difficulty would be found in filling the offices. We are, therefore, compelled to consider what can be done in case we have no courts to issue process, and no means whereby to execute it. In that case, the law would certainly be out of place, and they would be unable to find any officers willing to fill the office. We are, therefore, compelled to consider what can be done in case we have no courts to issue process, and no means whereby to execute it. In that case, the law would certainly be out of place, and they would be unable to find any officers willing to fill the office. We are, therefore, compelled to consider what can be done in case we have no courts to issue process, and no means whereby to execute it. 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